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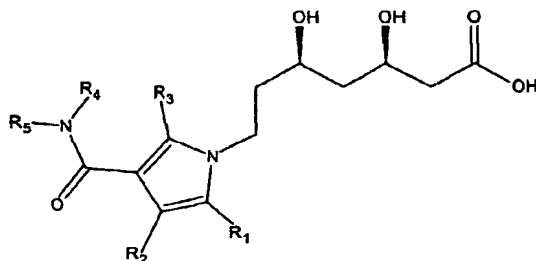
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inhibitors. In particular, herein are provided hydroxyl  
and protected hydroxyl compounds of Formula I and  
their corresponding lactones.